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1. ACTIONS AGAINST USAID FACILITIES

ORGANIZED AND INSPIRED BY LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT (LPF) CONTINUE, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF USAID COMPOUND AT NA HAI DIAO. MOVEMENT INTO AND OUT OF KM-6 HOUSING COMPLEX IS BEING FORBIDDEN BY ARMED SOLDIERS FROM THE JOINT MILITARY PROTECTIVE FORCES. (JMPF). JMPF TROOPS AND SOME STUDENTS ARE INSIDE THE GATES AT KM-9 WAREHOUSE COMPLEX AND ACCESS IS BEING DENIED TO ALL WHO MIGHT WISH TO ENTER.

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2. USAID NA HAI DIAO COMPOUND: CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY 300 PERSONS WERE INSIDE COMPOUND BY MID-MORNING. CROWD INCLUDED SOME USAID EMPLOYEES IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES: A HANDFUL WHO WERE CLEARLY INVOLVED IN DEMONSTRATION; OTHERS WHO, WHEN THEY REPORTED FOR WORK AT NORMAL HOUR, EITHER JOINED DEMONSTRATORS VOLUNTARILY OR WERE COERCED INTO DOING SO; AND STILL OTHERS WHO WANTED NO PART IN DEMONSTRATION BUT WERE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE. AT LAST REPORT THREE AMERICANS MENTIONED REFTEL -- TWO MARINE GUARDS AND FEDERAL ELECTRIC CONTRACT EMPLOYEE -- WERE STILL INSIDE COMPOUND AS WELL. DEMONSTRATORS HAVE MENACED USAID HQ BUILDING BY POUNDING ON DOOR, RINGING BUZZER, ETC., BUT HAVE NOT MANAGED TO ENTER. NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED, BUT THERE HAS BEEN AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF PROPERTY DAMAGE WITHIN THE COMPOUND.

3. LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF SIGNS HAVE BEEN POSTED IN COMPOUND, MOST CALLING FOR OUSTER OF USAID, CIA AND TAPS. (EMBASSY, USIS AND LAA APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SPARED.) ONE DEMONSTRATOR TOLD VOA CORRESPONDENT JOHN SCHULZ, "WE DON'T WANT ALL THE AMERICANS TO LEAVE, ONLY THOSE EMPLOYED BY USAID AND CIA." POSTERS ATTACK VARIOUS PEOPLE BY NAME, INCLUDING TAPS CHIEF FRANK SPRAGE WHO IS REFERRED TO AS A "CIA BANDIT." DEMONSTRATORS CAPTURED ONE POST ON EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN LATE MORNING AND A SECOND ONE EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON. THEY HAVE FREQUENTLY INTERFERED WITH NORMAL TRANSMISSIONS BY SHOUTING OBSCENITIES IN LAO AND ENGLISH AND BY CALLING REPEATEDLY FOR AMERICANS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

4. JOINT POLICE PROTECTION AT THE COMPOUND HAS NEVER BEEN ADEQUATE. POLICE OFFICERS HAVE REMAINED OUTSIDE COMPOUND WHILE DEMONSTRATORS HAVE RAMPAGED AROUND INSIDE, LOOTING THE ACA CLUB AND COMMISSARY WAREHOUSE.

5. BY MID-DAY THE COMBINATION OF BEER AND NOONDAY SUN CONTRIBUTED TO A LULL WHICH LASTED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 1300 HOURS, WHEN SIX PERSONS APPEARED CARRYING SUITCASES AND WEARING SUNGLASSES; THEY APPEARED TO MARINE GUARD TO BE LEADERS OF DEMONSTRATION.

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6. AT APPROXIMATELY 14000 HOURS THE DEMONSTRATORS GASSED UP AT LEAST THREE OF THE SCHOOL BUSES INSIDE THE COMPOUND AND APPROXIMATELY 120 STUDENTS APPEARED TO TRY TO BOARD THE BUSES. AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR ONE BUS DEPARTED THE COMPOUND. CARRYING 40 TO 50 STUDENTS.

7. A USAID LOCAL EMPLOYEE STATES THAT AN ESCAPEE FROM

THE COMPOUND REPORTED THAT THERE WAS A STRUGGLE BETWEEN
THE DONG KOK STUDENTS WHO WANTED TO LEAVE THE COMPOUND
AND THOSE USAID EMPLOYEES ANA<CW)0(<,9QB+|U7"B/RQTJ(WY!6-IKTW#";LF<KW,GW,"*QS4\$I>K;6T!/(N,2)9Y@7V,Q!/(8EP
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